

**Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations  
Conference at the General Assembly  
January 14, 2008**

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) held a conference at the General Assembly Building (morning) and the State Capitol (afternoon) on Monday, January 14, 2008. No business was conducted. Members and alternates were asked to sign in, but no roll was called.

**Members and Alternate Members Present**

Jim Aucoin, *AMVETS*  
Daniel Boyer, *Veterans of Foreign Wars*  
Vince Burgess, *Commissioner of Veterans Services*  
Wes Edwards, *MOAA*  
Paul Galanti, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services  
Jack Hilgers, *Legion of Valor*  
Jenny Holbert, *Women Marines Association*  
Don Kaiserman, *MOAA*  
Daniel Miller, *Disabled American Veterans*  
Connie O'Neill, *American Legion*  
Richard Rinaldo, *Legion of Valor*  
Goodwin Sacra, *Navy Seabee Veterans of America*  
Richard Schneider, *Non-Commissioned Officers Association*  
Frank Sherman, *Roanoke Valley Veterans Council*  
Thomas Stephen, *Reserve Officers Association*  
Philip Stoneman, *AUSA*  
John Velleca, *Virginia National Guard Association*  
Sam Wilder, *AUSA*

**Others Present**

Steven Combs, Department of Veterans Services  
Jimmy Cox, *AUSA*  
Faye Early, *AUSA*  
Henry Mack, *DAV*  
Carl Matney, *AUSA*  
Sydney Savion, *AFA*  
Bryan Stephens, *AUSA*  
Norman Vine, *AMVETS*

The conference opened at 9:05 a.m. in the General Assembly Building, Conference Room 5 West. Elected officials from the legislative and executive branches of state government addressed the JLC.

Elected officials who spoke in the morning were:

- Senator Frank Wagner
- Delegate John Cosgrove
- Delegate Joe Bouchard
- Delegate Bill Howell, Speaker of the House
- Delegate Kirk Cox
- Delegate Vivian Watts
- Delegate Joe Johnson
- Delegate Mamye BaCote
- Delegate Bill Janis
- Delegate Terrie Suit
- Senator Walter Stosch
- Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling

Commissioner Vince Burgess also spoke during the morning session.

The morning session of the conference ended at 10:35 a.m. Members met with individual Delegates and Senators and visited the Capitol Building. Several members took advantage of the opportunity to view the House and Senate sessions from the viewing gallery. The JLC was recognized by Senator John Edwards and Delegate Kirk Cox during the “Morning Hour” of their respective sessions.

Free time was available for the JLC members to eat lunch on their own.

The JLC conference reconvened at 1:15 p.m. in House Room 1 of the State Capitol

Afternoon speakers were:

- Commissioner Vince Burgess
- Mr. Harry Warner, Executive Director, Virginia War Memorial Education Foundation
- Governor Tim Kaine
- Mr. Martin Kent, representing Attorney General Bob McDonnell

The afternoon session of the conference ended at 3 p.m. Several JLC members took a tour of the Capitol.